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A MESSAGE FROM THE CALIFORNIA SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

ARMED FORCES DAY 2006

On May 20th we celebrate Armed Forces Day. Many of the emails I receive from veterans end with the phrase: "Without the United States Military there would be no United States of America. Any questions"?

Reflecting on this simple but eloquent statement certainly does bring out the truth, that our country was forged and preserved only because men and women of courage and conviction put on the uniform of our Armed Forces and stood in the gap against tyranny, oppression and invaders. They stood tall when our way of life, our liberty and our freedom was in peril, both at home and abroad.

On this occasion to celebrate Armed Forces Day let us remember that very simple but profound truth, that without the United States Military, there would be no United States of America. And, let us also renew our commitment to give our best efforts to honor those who wore the uniform as we care and serve these veterans with Respect, Integrity, Service and Excellence.

Tom Johnson, Secretary

Included with this issue of News for Veterans is a copy of Governor Schwarzenegger's Armed Forces Day message.

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